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Rescuers search for missing swimmer in waters off Kaua'i's North Shore

PRINCEVILLE – Rescue specialists are searching for a 28-year-old Chicago man in waters off Queen's Bath in Princeville.

His name has not been released.

According to a preliminary report, the man was visiting the tide pool at approximately 10 a.m. with his wife and friends. He was taking photos along the rocks when he was swept out by a large, breaking wave.

Rescue 3 aboard Air 1 responded along with Engine 1 and Truck 1 from the Hanalei fire station. Lifeguards on a jet ski and Kaua'i police also joined the search along with a helicopter from the U.S. Coast Guard, but so far there has been no sign of the victim.

Queen's Bath is known to be very dangerous, particularly in the winter months when surf is high.

A High Surf Warning has been in effect for the North Shore of Kaua'i since Monday, when a 'No Swimming' advisory was issued from Polihale to 'Anini Beach. Officials are reporting waves in the area to be up to 40 feet today.

Updates on the incident will be given as information becomes available.

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